

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 17, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Shelly Carothers with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Jim Lienhoop, Martha Myers, August Tindell.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of January 3, 2006. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2006, AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING A RE-ZONING WRITTEN COMMITMENT MADE CONSISTENT WITH TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FOR A PROPERTY ZONED “SU-3” (SPECIAL USE-PUBLIC PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES).” (PAAL) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this second reading. He showed the site and briefly explained the request for modification of a re-zoning written request. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
 - B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 3, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “I-3” (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO “B-5C” (GENERAL BUSINESS WITH CONDITIONS).” (Clinton E. Mann) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this second reading. He showed the site and briefly spoke of the request for re-zoning. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-4” (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “B-1” (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS).” (Aton Re-zoning) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, indicated the re-zoning was requested in order to build a neighborhood business center. This property included a ½ block located on the east side of Central Avenue between 12th and 13th Street. Jeff Bergman reported the request had been reviewed by the

Columbus Plan Commission on January 4, 2006 and was given an unfavorable recommendation by a vote of 6 to 1. Jeff stated nine (9) members of the public attended the Plan Commission hearing and spoke against the requested re-zoning. Jeff Washburn, attorney for Curtis Aton, spoke to the Council about the appropriateness of developing this neighborhood commercial center at the desired location. Curtis Aton, presented a slide presentation along with statistics regarding the neighborhood. Mayor Armstrong asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak. Nine (9) people spoke regarding the re-zoning. Eight (8) were opposed to the rezoning and one stated he did not feel there would be any problem with the re-zoning. A neighborhood petition with one hundred ten (110) signatures was presented to the Council. The petition stated the re-zoning would have a negative impact on the neighborhood due to such things as a decrease in property values, increased traffic, and unsafe environment for the children in the area. Pictures were also presented to the Council on behalf of the neighbors opposing the re-zoning. August Tindell made a motion to deny the Ordinance. George Dutro seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Ordinance was denied.

- B. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. _____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2006.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, reported on the need for the additional appropriation in order to complete six (6) additional projects in 2006 not approved in the 2006 budget. Discussion followed concerning the projects and the projects that would be reimbursed by State and/or Federal money. There was discussion on the fund balance in the Thoroughfare Fund and the tax rate for the year. It was suggested the tax rate be increased for the fund in next year’s budget preparation. Robert Kittle made a motion to place the Ordinance in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 4, 2006, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, asked that items in Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Storm Sewer Non-Reverting Fund and Thoroughfare Fund be released from “B” items to “A” items. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. Updated Official Zoning Map Discussion. Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, reported on the new zoning maps. Jeff stated the updated zoning maps are not intended to change the zoning on any property. The project involves creating a set of electronically-maintained maps. These new maps can be updated and saved electronically and printed in color. They will provide dramatically increased clarity. Jeff also explained some of vagueness in the current maps. Discussion followed.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting is February 7, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. at the Columbus Learning Center. This is the State of the City Address.
- C. Adjournment –Jim Lienhoop moved to adjourn the meeting. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:12 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer